



The City Source

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To My Fellow Lynchburgers:

Many of you called, sent cards, visited, or said a prayer for my recovery during my recent illness. I sincerely appreciate your concern. My health is improving and your kind expressions have meant a lot to me.

I look forward to serving as your Mayor in 2003 and I wish the best for you, our community and our Nation. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr.
Mayor

You Are Cordially Invited...



On Monday, February 24, 2003, Mayor Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr. and Vice Mayor Bertram F. Dodson, Jr. will deliver the State of the City Address. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. You are invited to attend and hear the Mayor and Vice Mayor speak with the citizens of Lynchburg.

The State of the City Address gives the Mayor an opportunity to bring together the citizens of Lynchburg and talk with them about the events of the past year and the issues that will shape the future. The event will air live on Cable Channel 6, giving citizens at home an opportunity to view the event.

In addition to the State of the City address, the Mayor and Vice Mayor will recognize individuals that have a history of

community service with the *Mayor's Award of Excellence*. Last year's recipients included Mary B. Adams, Edwin R. Page, Mary H. Payne, Marc A. Schewel, Lawrence W. Simpson, Jr., J.F. Taylor, Jr., Anne R. Wesley, and Reverend Bev Cosby (Posthumously). All were cited for their commitment to the betterment of the Lynchburg community and for their countless volunteer hours.

"I enjoy having an opportunity to talk with Lynchburg citizens," said Mayor Hutcherson. "This is a more formal setting than usual, but I think it sets the stage for the coming year. It also gives us an opportunity to recognize those individuals that have made a significant contribution to the well-being of the Lynchburg community."

Let It Snow

Snow and Ice Removal Information: 847-1626

School Closing Information: 847-1420

Police, Fire, or Rescue Assistance: 9-1-1

Citizens First Information Center: 856-CITY (2489)

CITY POLICY SETS SNOW REMOVAL PRIORITIES

The City of Lynchburg handles snow by:

FIRST PRIORITY: Clearing of all primary streets and heaviest traffic routes.

SECOND PRIORITY: Clearing of all collector streets and bus routes.

THIRD PRIORITY: Plowing of all residential streets if more than two inches of snow exists.

OTHER: City crews work around the clock to handle slick spots and other street problems. Chemicals and abrasives are used ONLY on main routes and bridges as needed.

Helping Us Help You!

1. Be Informed. Save work by shoveling driveways after the city plows have passed. Snow removed from driveways and parking lots should not be thrown into the street or onto the sidewalk. **According to the City Code, it is the duty of the occupant of every house or lot to have all snow removed from sidewalks or footways within 4-hours after snow has stopped. If snow ends during the night, sidewalks or footways must be cleared by 12 noon the following day.**

2. Be Patient. Please understand that the city will attempt to clear heavy snow from all 816 lane miles of streets as soon as possible. Please call only when necessary and be assured that your individual problem will be handled as promptly as possible.

3. Be Prepared. Equip vehicles properly in advance; chains or snow tires are legally required when streets are covered. Plan off-street parking and alternate routes. Play it safe, avoid unnecessary trips.

4. Be Helpful. Pool neighborhood resources. Consider helping the elderly with grocery shopping, snow shoveling, and other chores.

5. Be Cautious. Don't travel unless necessary and exercise extreme caution when doing so.

Ninth Street Corridor Work

The City of Lynchburg is currently working on the Ninth Street Corridor projects. Streetscape improvements are near completion on Ninth and Jefferson Streets adjacent to Amazement Square.

In an effort to reduce construction time and subsequent road closures for the intersection of Ninth and Commerce Streets, all underground installations are scheduled to take place simultaneously over the next six to eight weeks. Currently work is being done by the City's CSO contractor, Verizon, and AEP. The intersection will be closed during this time. Once this work is completed and additional funding is appropriated, work will begin in the next block of Ninth Street and progress up to Main Street.



Volunteers Needed!



If you are a citizen of Lynchburg and would like to volunteer for one of the City's boards or commissions, please write or call Patricia Kost, Clerk of Council, Post Office Box 60, Lynchburg, VA 24505, (434) 847-1659. Each individual must complete an application form to identify special talents, experience or educational preparation which might be helpful to a board or commission. The form can also be found at: www.lynchburgva.gov/council_manager

AGING COMMISSION (AND ITS ADVISORY COUNCIL):

Provides counseling regarding numerous senior citizen programs; assists in the operation of many programs essential to the health and welfare of senior citizens; works to eliminate social and economic barriers for the elderly.

AIRPORT COMMISSION: Assists the City in planning, organization, direction and administration of the Lynchburg Regional Airport.

BUILDING CODE APPEALS BOARD: Considers variances, changes or adjustments in the City Building Code or the Fire Prevention Ordinance; hears appeals from owners of buildings and determines whether such buildings should be repaired, vacated or demolished in compliance with Code requirements. Must be an architect, general contractor or engineer, or employed by the building industry.

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Adopts administrative policies and procedures for programming, scheduling and other aspects regarding community antenna television franchise.

CITY EMPLOYEES APPEAL BOARD: Resolves any Step IV Grievance as provided for by the City's Employee Grievance Procedure.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD: Functions as an advisory body for the people in the college's service area with the State Board for Community Colleges, the Virginia Community College System administration and the College administration; makes recommendations regarding state and local funds and budgets, long-range planning and curriculum; appoints curriculum advisory committee members; establishes regulations on student conduct.

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA: Provides services for mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse through the role of advisor, service provider, fundraiser, educator, community organizer, planner, advocate and consultant; reviews existing programs and initiates new programs.

DISABILITY SERVICES BOARD: Created to stimulate public awareness and enhance local government interest in disability issues.

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: Protects and preserves the historic areas of the City; reviews requests for erection, reconstruction, alteration or demolition affecting any structure on the Historic Buildings Map or in a Historic District.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD: Assists in promoting industry and developing trade in the area through financial assistance to new and existing industries.

KEEP LYNCHBURG BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION: Plans and coordinates the City's beautification efforts; promotes cooperation among public and private citizens and organizations; conceives and receives ideas for projects; follows through primarily with private funds.

LYNCHBURG BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER: Oversees the policymaking decisions of the Small Business Development Center.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR./LYNCHBURG COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Develops and maintains the Center for Human Rights and recommends appropriate community observances around the national holiday honoring Dr. King.

MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD: Sets museum policy; prepares development and program plans; coordinates financial support and participation in many specific activities; reviews policy and planning of the Museum System member organizations.

PARKING AUTHORITY: Develops plans and coordinates the development and use of sufficient, off-street publicly owned parking facilities in the City and as necessary to acquire, construct, reconstruct, equip, improve, extend, enlarge, maintain, repair and operate off-street publicly owned parking facilities.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Acts in an advisory capacity to City Council in planning the development of the City (subdivisions, rezonings, parks, etc.).

REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD: Administers housing assistance programs as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; conducts programs of urban renewal and housing rehabilitation in designated neighborhoods.

SCHOOL BOARD: Employs teachers and other personnel; provides buildings and equipment; operates a transportation system; determines educational policies; disburses all school funds—all subject to state laws, the general supervision of the Board of Education and upon recommendation of the division superintendent.

SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD: Interests itself in all matters pertaining to the citizens' social welfare; monitors the formulation and implementation of social welfare programs; makes recommendations on policy matters concerning the Human Services Department.

TRANSIT COMPANY BOARD: Formulates policies and operating procedures for and offers general supervision of a professional transit management company providing bus service.

TRAVEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Responsible for advising the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce on the operation of the Travel/Tourism Development Program for the purpose of developing travel and tourism in the Lynchburg area.

VASAP BOARD: Provides probation, education and rehabilitation of those persons charged with a violation of Section 18.2-266 of the Code of Virginia.

YOUTH SERVICES CITIZENS BOARD: Advises City Council in all youth delinquency prevention and treatment matters; furnishes policy guidance and operates Lynchburg Youth Services; advises City Administration in the operation of several youth treatment facilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Water and Sewer Connection Fees to Increase February 3, 2003

Lynchburg City Council recently approved an increase in water and sewer connection fees, effective February 3, 2003. If you are considering connection to the City's water and sewer system, you are encouraged to contact the Utilities Division now. Typical residential connection fees will increase as follows:

	Existing Fees	New Fees
Water (3/4 in. service, 5/8 in. meter)	\$ 360	\$ 500
Water (1 in. service, 5/8 in. meter)	\$ 370	\$ 510
Water (1 in. service, 1 in. meter)	\$ 450	\$ 620
Sewer (4 in. diameter house building sewer)	\$ 450	\$ 700
Sewer (Larger than 4 in. diameter building sewer)	\$ Cost Cost plus 15%	\$ 750 Plus 15% Minimum

NOTE: Availability rates will not be affected.

For more information, please call the Utilities Division at 847-1322, ext. 112.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

(No Tag Required)

Wednesday, January 8, 2003

Residents with regular Monday or Tuesday Trash Collection

Wednesday, January 15, 2003

Residents with regular Thursday or Friday Trash Collection

Drop-off locations accepting trees through January 17th:

Fort Hill Shopping Center (near recycling bins)

Peaks View Park (Wigginton Rd. entrance parking lot)

Riverside Park & Miller Park (parking lot)

Lynchburg Landfill

(7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday - Saturday)

Trees placed on curb after January 17th will require a 95¢ trash tag.

**For more information call
Citizens First at 856-CITY (2489)**



HOLIDAY CLOSING

Lynchburg Municipal Offices
will be CLOSED
Monday, January 20, 2003
in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday.

Trash will be collected following the normal schedule. The Landfill will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Call Citizens First at 856-CITY (2489) for more information.

For more information about Lynchburg City services, visit our web site at www.lynchburgva.gov